



Paul William Palmberg

March 16, 1938 - March 17, 2020

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Dr. Paul W. Palmberg age 82, of Hopkins passed away on March 17, 2020. Survived by wife, Pat and other family members. A private memorial service will be held at 11AM on Saturday, October 10th. The service will be live-streamed. Live-stream details can be found on his obituary page on Washburn-McReavy.com

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Obituary that ran in April -

Palmberg, Dr. Paul Age 82, Dr. Paul Palmberg of Minneapolis passed away on March 17, 2020. An innovative scientist and businessman, Dr. Palmberg's distinguished career includes 9 U.S. patents, 46 published papers, numerous awards for his work in cutting-edge physics at Physical Electronics Inc, a

company that he co-founded. He studied Electrical Engineering at the University of Minnesota culminating in a PhD in 1965, served as a Research Associate in Engineering Physics at Cornell University, and technical staff for the Rockwell Science Center where he made numerous contributions to fundamental surface science. In 1970, he became a founder and the Director of Research and Development for Physical Electronics Inc. in Eden Prairie, MN; in 1985, he served as General Manager of the Surface Science business unit and then assumed the General Manager role of the Physical Electronics Division of the Perkin-Elmer Corporation. In 1994, he became CEO and President of Physical Electronics, Inc. where he led the development of an industrial analytic technique, invented instrumentation, and developed materials science and semiconductor technology. He was a valued mentor and professional colleague; a co-worker called him "the best problem solver I have ever known." Along with his sharp wit and skill playing board games, he was an extraordinarily kind person who provided much guidance and encouragement to those around him. Preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Ethel Palmberg, and brother, Jon Palmberg, he is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Pat Palmberg; son, Kevin Palmberg; step daughters Gina and Heather MacDonald; and his siblings, Carola Bratt, Carl Palmberg, Harold Palmberg, Evangeline Bratt, and Dale Palmberg as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Click this link to view live-stream of service: https://youtu.be/_iFVWbbVliE

Tribute Wall

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“ *SENDING LOVE AND PRAYERS TO THE PALMBERG FAMILY. MY MEMORIES OF PAUL WAS AT COUNTRY SCHOOL SIOUX #2 LYON CO IOWA. WE WERE 2 OF THE 7 THAT STARTED "K" THAT YEAR. HE WAS IN MY K-2ND GRADE AND THEN AGAIN AT LARCHWOOD IOWA HIGH SCHOOL WHEN HE HAD JUMPED A GRADE AND GRADUATED IN 1955 AND I IN 1956. LEOTA GROTEWOLD(COLES)REDENIUS*

LEOTA REDENIUS - October 13, 2020 at 08:54 AM

JZ

“ *Thank you for live streaming this service Pat and family. Thank you Sarah for letting us in the extended family know about it. It was such a blessing to participate and be reminded again of Paul's loving kindness and generosity, to hear the great stories of family lore, and to share in this celebration of Paul and Kevin's lives. We think of you with thoughts of comfort and God's peace. --- Linda Swanson Ziulkowski --- Paul's Uncle Melvin's daughter*

John and Linda Ziulkowski - October 10, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Sarah Howland - October 10, 2020 at 09:29 AM

LE

“ I worked closely with Dr. Paul Palmberg in the 1980's, particularly from 1983-85, at Perkin-Elmer Physical Electronics (PHI). I had been involved with a process, and associated equipment line, called Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE), a product line which had enjoyed some initial success but began to flounder around 1983. Paul took this seriously and in the face of some company opposition was determined to revive the product. He took a group of engineers and lab scientists under his wing and led the redesign of the MBE systems from the ground up, with ground-breaking innovations. The result was deep penetration into the market and strong national sales, along with international interest. Ultimately, MBE as a process did not live up to its early hopes due to competing non-MBE technologies, but I look back on those years with fondness that under Paul's guidance and inspiration, we came back strongly with works of engineering that we could be proud of. Paul was a wonderful man to work for and with. He was patient, calm, understated, clever, conscientious, of good humor, and supportive. Of all the people that I have worked for, he was the one I admired and respected the most. I saw him a few times after I left PHI in 1988, but I do regret I did not maintain a connection with this very fine man.

L. Peter Erickson

L. Peter Erickson - October 09, 2020 at 02:38 PM

SH

“ 17 files added to the album *Childhood*



Sarah Howland - October 06, 2020 at 11:15 PM

KS

“ *Pat, We were saddened to hear of your beloved Paul and son's passing. Paul was a generous man who graciously shared his life experience with us. Greatly appreciated his nuggets of hope and strength. God bless you and your family. Love, Kathy and Phil B. Tuesday night, Golden Valley*

Kathy Smith-Boever - October 05, 2020 at 07:57 PM

TB

“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Teri Bratt - October 03, 2020 at 07:09 PM

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Teri Bratt - October 03, 2020 at 05:51 PM

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Teri Bratt - October 03, 2020 at 03:07 PM

JG

“ I knew Paul for 50 years and he had the biggest smile every time I saw him. Like Paul, I also used a glass vacuum system in my early days of surface analysis. Paul made many important contributions to the development of Auger electron spectroscopy, and later, X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy. He received the Gaede-Langmuir Award by the American Vacuum Society in 1998 "For his innovative and revolutionary inventions that resulted in the development of practical energy analyzers for surface analysis by Auger electron spectroscopy and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy". Over the years, I used many instruments that he developed. He was a great person!

John Grant - March 31, 2020 at 03:54 PM

JR

“ Paul and Pat (and Latte) were my next door neighbors in Naples and I loved having them there! Paul will be greatly missed. He was a prince of a guy.

Jean Rawson - March 29, 2020 at 05:18 PM

PB

“ As one of Paul's golfing buddies in Florida, he was always one of my favourites to share a cart. Funny, soft-spoken, unselfish and such an engaging man. He was always keen on learning about you. Few subjects were off limits including politics, which as a Canadian are often best to avoid, but not with Paul. With his openness, breadth of understanding and willingness to see both sides, you were encouraged to engage in the conversation. A real Gentleman, who will be missed.

Paul Buckingham

Paul Buckingham - March 29, 2020 at 04:36 PM

BN

“ Paul was a very good and loved friend of all who knew him in Florida but especially his twice weekly golf buddies. In his later years Paul leaned more and more to the left, made good arguments on the merits of liberal policy and repeatedly declined my offers for free Wall Street Journals If he would drop his beloved NYT. He will be missed.

Bill Novak - March 29, 2020 at 03:11 PM

DO

“ What a kind and considerate man. Paul loved to play golf with his group of friends at Kensington in Naples and never tired of inventing new games that he felt might work in favour of his high handicap and putting skills. It was always a pleasure to spend a round with him and enjoy his wit and intellect. We have missed him this past season and will certainly hold great memories of our many games together. Rest in peace dear friend.

Denis O'Brien - March 29, 2020 at 02:24 PM